June 17, 1989

Dear Gail,

Just a note to say "Hi!" and let you know that everything is going pretty well here. The parade and festival (which we had last weekend) was a smashing success. The Archives contingent in the parade was pictured on the front page of the San Diego Union and the Los Angeles Times (San Diego edition) last Sunday (June 11, 1989). It also won the theme award from the 15/20 Council (the organization which produced the parade and festival).

The Archives had the biggest tent in the festival, and we put on our biggest display to date. We had a "time line" which covered over 2500 years of lesbian/gay contributions to world culture--concept, design, and research by two other members of the Archives Committee and myself. We also had a huge display of posters, buttons, tee-shirts, and other memorabilia from Gay Pride celebrations from years past from all over the nation and from several foreign countries. Our tent also housed video and slide shows on lesbian/gay history. 3265 people came through our exhibit, and everybody raved about it. So I think we scored a pretty big public relations success.

The last two weeks before the festival was non-stop rushing to meet those deadlines. My apartment was turned into a workshop and a beehive of activity. It was all very exciting and energizing--always people here working on some aspect of the display or the parade, newspaper reporters calling for a statement or comment on this or that. It was great fun and my energy held up very well. I think it was pure adrenalin. Nevertheless, I'm glad that it's all over so that I can attempt to get back to my regular work.

Sunday, June 25, is Los Angeles' parade and festival and I'll be going up there for that event with a few close friends. In L.A. I'll simply be a spectator and I'm looking forward to that.

I understand that Lisa has registered for her senior year for the fall semester. Congratulations to her. Is there anything better than being a senior? Is there life after high school? Oh God! I do go on...

Well, sister, let me hear from you. What are you thinking? How about a letter or a visit.

Your loving brother,

Jess